

## Halde SOP ECMC Rule 434.a.(5)

### Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

#### Rule 434.a.(5) – Well Capping and Sealing Compliance

##### Purpose

To establish procedures ensuring Halde's compliance with ECMC Rule 434.a.(5) governing the timing and documentation requirements for well capping and sealing following placement of the final plug.

##### Procedure

1. Halde shall comply with ECMC Rule 434.a.(5), which requires that:
  - The Operator shall not cap or seal the well until a minimum of five (5) days after placement of the final plug to allow for monitoring and verification of successful plugging.
  - The Operator shall cap or seal the well within ninety (90) days after placement of the final plug.
2. If, during capping or sealing activities and prior to the expiration of the 90-day period, Halde anticipates or encounters conditions that may prevent completion of the cut and cap within the required timeframe, Halde shall contact the ECMC Area Engineer to communicate the reason(s) for the delay.
3. At the discretion of the ECMC Area Engineer, Halde may be directed to submit a Sundry Notice to formally document the justification for non-compliance with the prescribed timeframe.
4. Halde and its contractors shall adhere to Rule 434.a.(5) as written. Any deviations from this rule shall be communicated to, and coordinated with, the ECMC Area Engineer in advance of the deviation, unless emergency conditions require immediate action.

##### Responsibilities

- **Halde Regulatory Representative:** Ensure compliance with Rule 434.a.(5) and coordinate all communications with ECMC.
- **Contractors:** Perform capping and sealing activities in accordance with this SOP and applicable regulations.

##### Documentation

All communications with the ECMC Area Engineer and any required Sundry filings shall be retained in the project file as part of the permanent compliance record.